Jharkhand who are linked to the ART Centre located in the School of Tropical Medicine, Kolkata, will obtain treatment from there upon being diagnosed as eligible for second-line ART.

Sale price of agricultural products

†*13. SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH MAJITHA:
SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:
Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that many committees have been set up in the country during the last five years to make suggestion for evolving a formula to fix the sale price of agricultural products;

(b) if so, the name of these committees and when they were set up and when they submitted their recommendations to Government;

(c) whether Government has made any formulae for determining the sale prices on the basis of recommendations of these committees; and

(d) if so, the details of formulae and the agricultural products for which support price has been fixed so far on this basis?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR): (a) and (b) During the last five years, no committee has been set up by the Government to make suggestion for evolving a formula to fix the sale price of agricultural products. However, an Expert Committee under the Chairmanship of Prof. Y.K. Alagh was set up on 7th May, 2003 to examine Methodological Issues for Fixing Minimum Support Prices (MSPs). The Expert Committee had submitted its report on 31st May, 2005. The Government has already considered the recommendations made by the committee. Based on its recommendations, it has been decided to consider the Crop Insurance Premium as a cost item actually paid by farmers and marketing and transport charges incurred by the farmers, while assessing the cost of production. The CACP is also to take into account cost structure of agro-based products and the competitiveness of agriculture and agro-based commodities while making recommendations on MSP for the selected commodities.

(c) and (d) The Alagh Committee has not recommended any fixed formulae for determining the MSP. However, the Commission for Agricultural Costs and Prices (CACP) periodically makes recommendations in this regard for 24 major agricultural commodities, namely Paddy, Jowar, Bajra, Maize, Ragi, Arhar (Tur), Moong, Urad, Cotton, Groundnut, Sunflower seed, Soyabean, Sesamum, Nigerseed, Wheat, Barley, Gram, Masur (Lentil), Rapeseed & Mustard, Safflower, Copra, Jute, Sugarcane and Tobacco. The CACP, while formulating its recommendations on price policy considers a number of important factors which include cost of production, changes in inputs prices,

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

input/output price parity, trends in market prices, demand and supply situation, inter-crop price parity, effect on industrial cost structure, effect on general price level, effect on cost of living, international market price, situation and parity between prices paid and prices received by the farmers.

Shortage of Fertilizers

*14. SHRI KAMAL AKHTAR:
SHRI NAND KISHORE YADAV:
Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) the allocation of fertilizers made to various States during 2008-09;

(b) whether some States, particularly Uttar Pradesh are facing shortage of fertiizers; and

(c) if so, the action taken by Government to meet the demand of urea and other fertilizers to such States?

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZER (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN): (a) State-wise cumulative requirement, availability and sales of DAP, MOP, Complex fertilizers and Urea during the period from April, 2008 to January, 2009 are at Statement-I (*See* below).

(b) No, Sir. The cumulative requirement, availability and sales of DAP, MOP, Complex fertilizers and Urea in the State of Uttar Pradesh during the year 2008-09 (April, 2008 to January, 2009) are as follows:

(Figures in '000 MT)

State	Product	Requirement	Availability	Sales to State agency / dealers / stockists
Uttar Pradesh	DAP	1420.00	1452.92	1449.77
	MOP	225.00	272.98	240.92
	Complex	900.00	678.32	656.45
	Urea	4900.00	4624.67	4539.28

As can be seen, the availability of DAP, MOP and Urea is comfortable. There is some tightness in availability of complex fertilizers because of low level of indigenous production and also as these can not be imported. Month-wise details are at Statement-II (*See* below).

(c) Does not arise.